

Application No. 10/069,943

Reply to Office Action of November 7, 2003

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 30, line 35 through page 31, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

The amount of carbon in the sintered body was measured by pulverizing the sintered body and heating the pulverized product at a temperature of 800 °C and then collecting the generated  $\text{CO}_2$  gas. The result of the measurement by this method demonstrated that the amount of carbon comprised in the aluminum nitride sintered body was 800 ppm. The brightness N thereof was 3.5.